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Applicant: Kiyoshi UEYOKO et al. Conf.: UNKNOWN

Appl. No.: 09/655,842 Group: 1733

Filed: September 6, 2000 Examiner: J. FISCHER

PNEUMATIC TIRE



RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

January 28, 2002
(Monday)

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Election Requirement dated December 27, 2001, the following election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has made a requirement for a restriction between a pneumatic tire which utilizes a fiber reinforced rubber spacer formed of a single rubber strip (claims 2-7) or a fiber reinforced rubber spacer formed of two rubber strips (claims 8 and 9). This requirement for an election of species is respectfully traversed.

In order to be responsive to the Examiner's election requirement, Applicants have provisionally elected to prosecute a fiber reinforced rubber